AIIMS like hospital in Tamil Nadu

2944. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government announced two years back that an AIIMS like hospital in Tamil Nadu will be established at Madurai;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such information is available with the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) 'Health' being State subject, it is for the State Govternment concerned to provide/establish health care facilities to meet the need of the people.

Purchase of drugs from unregistered firms by MSO

2945. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Drugs bought by Government under Scanner" which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 29th January, 2002, highlighting that spurious drugs valued at about Rs. 100 crores per year continue to be purchased by the Medical Stores Organisation through unregistered drug firms;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and